

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 5016, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4513–S4569

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2612–2618, and S. Res. 503–504. **Page S4557**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 498, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization.

S. Res. 500, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for the Republic of Moldova's territorial integrity. **Pages S4557**

Measures Passed:

Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act: Senate passed H.R. 3212, to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4563–67**

Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act: Senate passed H.R. 1528, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location. **Pages S4567–68**

National Child Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 503, designating September 2014 as “National Child Awareness Month” to promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing efforts made by those charities and orga-

nizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States. **Page S4568**

Direct the Senate Legal Counsel to Appear: Senate agreed to S. Res. 504, to direct the Senate Legal Counsel to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in *Menachem Binyamin Zivotofsky, By His Parents and Guardians, Ari Z. and Naomi Siegman Zivotofsky v. John Kerry, Secretary of State* (S. Ct.). **Pages S4568–69**

Measures Considered:

Protect Women's Health From Corporate Interference Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2578, to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions. **Pages S4513–14, S4528–45**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 228), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4535**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4535**

Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 17, 2014, Senate begin consideration of S. 2244, to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, as provided under the previous order of July 10, 2014; that the debate time with respect to the bill and consideration of the amendments in order to the bill be modified as follows: Coburn

Amendment No. 3549—30 minutes equally divided; Vitter Amendment No. 3550—20 minutes equally divided; Flake Amendment No. 3551—10 minutes equally divided; and Tester Amendment No. 3552—30 minutes equally divided; that any remaining time until 12 noon be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 12 noon, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments as provided under the previous order; that upon disposition of Tester Amendment No. 3552, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended; and that there be two minutes equally divided prior to each vote and all after the first vote be ten minute votes; with all other provisions of the previous order remaining in effect.

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Carnes Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Julie E. Carnes, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, July 18, 2014.

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Birotte Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Andre Birotte, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Julie E. Carnes, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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Rosenberg Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robin L. Rosenberg, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Andre Birotte, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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DeGravelles Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John W. deGravelles, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Robin L. Rosenberg, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 227), Ronnie L. White, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 226), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Laura S. Wertheimer, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, which was sent to the Senate on May 22, 2014, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—228)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4569.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STRENGTHENING TRADE ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine strengthening trade enforcement to protect American enterprise and grow American jobs, after receiving testimony from John Wagner, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, and Richard DiNucci, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, both of Customs and Border Protection, and Lev Kubiak, Assistant Director of International Affairs, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, all of the Department of Homeland Security; Rick Blume, Nucor Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina; Edward T. Hayes, Leake & Andersson, LLP, New Orleans, Louisiana; Joe Sanroma, American Honey Producers Association, Bunkie, Louisiana; and John C. Steinberger, Adduci, Mastriani & Schaumberg, L.L.P., Washington, DC.

BANKS SYSTEMIC IMPORTANCE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine what makes a bank systemically important, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Herring, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Bryn Mawr; James B. Thomson, University of Akron College of Business Administration, Akron, Ohio; Robert DeYoung, University of Kansas School of Business, Baldwin City; and Paul H. Kupiec, American Enterprise Institute, Fairfax, Virginia.

DOMESTIC SPACE ACCESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces to examine options for assuring domestic space access, including how acquisition best practices can benefit future efforts, after receiving testimony from Alan Estevez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and General William L. Shelton, Commander, Air Force Space Command, both of the Department of Defense; Robert Lightfoot, Associate Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Cristina Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Major General Howard J. Mitchell, USAF (Ret.), The Aerospace Corporation, and Yool Kim, RAND Corporation, both of Arlington, Virginia; and Daniel L.

Dumbacher, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

THE FUTURE OF THE VIDEO MARKETPLACE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer choice, consolidation and the future video marketplace, after receiving testimony from David L. Cohen, Comcast Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Justin Hurwitz, University of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln; John T. Stankey, AT&T Inc., Dallas, Texas; Jeffrey H. Blum, DISH Network L.L.C., and Gene Kimmelman, Public Knowledge, both of Washington, DC; and Shawn Ryan, Writers Guild of America, West, Inc., Sherman Oaks, California.

WATER AND WILDLIFE BILLS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine S. 571, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes, S. 1153, to establish an improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent the introduction and establishment in the United States of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites that are likely to cause harm, S. 1175, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program to provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire interests in real property that are in compliance with habitat conservation plans approved by the Secretary of the Interior under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, S. 1202, to establish an integrated Federal program to respond to ongoing and expected impacts of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, restoring, and conserving the natural resources of the United States, and to maximize government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and tribal governments and other entities, S. 1232, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes, H.R. 1300, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, S. 1381, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, S. 1650, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaska Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing non-edible migratory bird parts, S. 2225, to provide for a smart water resource management pilot program,

S. 2530, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or exportation of mussels of certain genus, and S. 2560, to authorize the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to seek compensation for injuries to trust resources and use those funds to restore, replace, or acquire equivalent resources, after receiving testimony from Senators Kirk, Blumenthal, and Heller; Michael H. Shapiro, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Steve Guertin, Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Tony Wasley, Nevada Department of Wildlife Director, Reno; and Bruce A. Stein, National Wildlife Federation, and Chad W. Lord, National Parks Conservation Association, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert W. Holleyman II, of Louisiana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senator Landrieu, and Cary Douglas Pugh, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc.113–04);

The Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 13, 2013, at Warsaw (Treaty Doc. 113–05);

H.R. 4028, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom;

S. 2577, to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014;

S. Res. 498, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization;

S. Res. 500, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic

of Moldova and support for the Republic of Moldova's territorial integrity; and

The nominations of Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Marcia Denise Occomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, and Leslie Ann Bassett, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Department of State.

REENERGIZING U.S.-INDIA TIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine reenergizing United States-India ties, after receiving testimony from Nisha D. Biswal, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs; Amy Searight, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense; and Frank G. Wisner, Squire Patton Boggs, Richard M. Rossow, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Vikram J. Singh, Center for American Progress, and Lisa Curtis, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, DC.

CHALLENGES AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges at the border, focusing on examining and addressing the root of the causes behind the rise in apprehensions at the Southern Border, after receiving testimony from Michael Shifter, Inter-American Dialogue, Eric L. Olson, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Latin American Program, Eric Farnsworth, Council of the Americas, and Richard Jones, Catholic Relief Services, all of Washington, D.C.; and Bryan Roberts, Econometrica, Inc., Bethesda, Maryland.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR'S LAND BUY-BACK PROGRAM

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of the Interior's land buy-back program, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Carole Lankford, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, Pablo, Montana; Susan Waukon, Ho Chunk Nation Legislature, Black River Falls, Wisconsin; Jennifer M. Keough, The Garden City Group, Inc., Seattle, Washington; Helo Hancock, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Plummer, Idaho; and George Waters, George Waters Consulting Services, Washington, DC.

STATE OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the state of Veterans' Affairs health care, after receiving testimony from Sloan D. Gibson, Acting Secretary, and Philip Matkowsky, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Administrative Operations, Veterans Health Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

PHONE SCAMS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine phone scams, focusing on progress and potential solutions, after receiving testimony from Lois Greisman, Associate Director, Division of Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Joseph S. Campbell, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Kevin Rupy, United States Telecom Association, Washington, D.C.; and a public witness, Cincinnati, Ohio.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 5119–5128; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 107; and H. Res. 671–672 were introduced. **Pages H6351–52**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6352–53**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4871, to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–523). **Page H6351**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6299**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6302**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H6311**

Reception in the House Chamber of Former Members of Congress: Agreed by unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the former Members program held earlier in the day be printed in the Congressional Record and that all Members and former Members who spoke during the proceedings have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks. **Pages H6302–11**

Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015: The House passed H.R. 5016, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 427. Consideration of the measure began on July 14th. **Pages H6316–33**

Rejected the Nolan motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instruc-

tions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 198 yeas to 225 noes, Roll No. 426. **Pages H6331–33**

Agreed to:

Engel amendment that prohibits funds from being used to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011; **Pages H6316–17**

Garrett amendment that prohibits funds from being used to designate any nonbank financial company as “too big to fail”, as a “systemically important financial institution”, or make a determination that material financial distress at a nonbank financial company could pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States; **Pages H6317–18**

Lankford amendment that prohibits funds from being used to study, promulgate, draft, review, implement, or enforce any rule pursuant to section 913 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act or amendments made by such section; **Pages H6322–23**

Meehan amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2014) that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used to modify or rebuild any portion of the White House bowling alley, including using phenolic synthetic material (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the request for a recorded vote to the end that the amendment stand disposed of by the earlier voice vote thereon); **Page H6323**

Gosar amendment that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used to pay a performance award under section 5384 of title 5, United States Code, to any employee of the Internal Revenue Service (by a recorded vote of 282 yeas to

138 noes with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 416);

Pages H6324–25

Heck (WA) amendment that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used, with respect to specified States, to penalize a financial institution solely because the institution provides financial services to an entity that is a manufacturer, producer, or a person that participates in any business or organized activity that involves handling marijuana or marijuana products and engages in such activity pursuant to a law established by a State or local government (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 418);

Page H6326

DeSantis amendment that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used by the Internal Revenue Service to create machine-readable materials that are not subject to the safeguards established pursuant to section 3105 of title 44, United States Code (by a recorded vote of 351 ayes to 71 noes, Roll No. 419);

Pages H6326–27

DeSantis amendment that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being obligated or expended by the Internal Revenue Service for conferences (by a recorded vote of 264 ayes to 157 noes, Roll No. 420);

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Blackburn amendment that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used to provide funds from the Hardest Hit Fund program established by the Secretary of the Treasury under title I of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to any State or local government for the purpose of funding pension obligations of such State or local government (by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 422);

Pages H6328–29

Blackburn amendment that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used, with respect to specified States, by the Federal Communications Commission to prevent such States from implementing their own State laws with respect to the provision of broadband Internet access service by the State or a municipality or other political subdivision of the State (by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 200 noes, Roll No. 423);

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Blackburn amendment that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used by the Consumer Product Safety Commission to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled “Voluntary Remedial Actions and Guidelines for Voluntary Recall Notices” (by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 424); and

Pages H6329–30

Massie amendment that prohibits funds from being used by any authority of the government of the District of Columbia to enforce any provision of the Firearms Registration Amendment Act of 2008, the Inoperable Pistol Amendment Act of 2008, the

Firearms Amendment Act of 2012, or the Administrative Disposition for Weapons Offenses Amendment Act of 2012 (by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 425). **Pages H6318–20, H6330–31**

Rejected:

Ellison amendment that sought to reduce funding for salaries and expenses of the Supreme Court of the United States by \$2.13 and increase funding for salaries and expenses of The White House by the same amount;

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Crowley amendment that sought to reduce funding for salaries and expenses of the Supreme Court of the United States by \$7.25 and increase funding for salaries and expenses of The White House by the same amount;

Pages H6321–22

Fleming amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2014) that was debated on July 15th that sought to prohibit funds from being used to implement guidance FIN–2014–G001 (relating to BSA Expectations Regarding Marijuana-Related Businesses) issued on February 14, 2014 (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 415);

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Grayson amendment that was debated on July 15th that sought to prohibit funds from being used to pay any individual at an annual rate of Grade 1, Steps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6; or Grade 2, Step 1 or 2 as defined in the “Salary Table 2014–GS” published by the Office of Personnel Management, or to pay any individual at an hourly basic rate of Grade 1, Steps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6; or Grade 2, Step 1 or 2 (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 417); and

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Blackburn amendment that was debated on July 15th that sought to reduce each amount made available by the bill by 1%, with the exception of specified accounts (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 421).

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Withdrawn:

Gallego amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to implement or enforce Revenue Ruling 2012–18 (or any guidance of the same substance);

Page H6318

Rokita amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to propose, make, finalize, or implement any rule, regulation, interpretive rule, or general statement of policy issued after the date of enactment of this Act, that is issued pursuant to section 553 of title 5, United States Code; and

Pages H6320–21

Lankford amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used by the Federal Communications

Commission to make any changes to its policies with respect to broadcast indecency. **Pages H6322–23**

H. Res. 661, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5016) and (H.R. 4718), was agreed to on July 10th.

Recess: The House recessed at 1:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2:10 p.m. **Page H6323**

Notice of Intent to Offer Motion: Representative Barber announced his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3230. **Page H6333**

Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Gallego motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3230. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H6333–38**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, July 17th. **Page H6338**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6302.

Senate Referral: S. 517 was held at the desk. **Page H6302**

Quorum Calls Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and 12 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6324, H6324–25, H6325, H6326, H6326–27, H6327, H6328, H6328–29, H6329, H6329–30, H6330, H6332–33 and H6333. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 649, directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any emails in the possession of the Department of Defense or the National Security Agency that were transmitted to or from the email account(s) of former Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division Director Lois Lerner between January 2009 and April 2011. The resolution was ordered reported, without amendment.

FISCAL YEAR 2015 OCO BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2015 OCO Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Michael J. McCord, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); Admiral James A. “Sandy” Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Robert O. Work, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

UNMANNED CARRIER-LAUNCHED AIRBORNE SURVEILLANCE AND STRIKE REQUIREMENTS ASSESSMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing on Unmanned Carrier-Launched Airborne Surveillance and Strike (UCLASS) Requirements Assessment. Testimony was heard from Ronald O’Rourke, Specialist in Naval Affairs, Defense Policy and Arms Control Section, Congressional Research Service; and the following Department of Defense officials: Mark Andress, Assistant Deputy Chief of Operations for Information Dominance; Vice Admiral Paul A. Grosklags, U.S. Navy Principal Military Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisitions; and Brigadier General Joseph T. Guastella, U.S. Air Force Director, Joint Requirements Oversight Council; and public witnesses.

THE LONG-TERM BUDGET OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Long-Term Budget Outlook”. Testimony was heard from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

REVIEW OF CDC ANTHRAX LAB INCIDENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Review of CDC Anthrax Lab Incident”. Testimony was heard from Thomas R. Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Jere Dick, Associate Deputy Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services, Department of Agriculture; Nancy Kingsbury, Managing Director, Applied Research and Methods, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

FAILURE TO VERIFY: CONCERNS REGARDING PPACA’S ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Failure to Verify: Concerns Regarding PPACA’s Eligibility System”. Testimony was heard from Kay Daly, Assistant Inspector General, Office of Audit Services, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and Joyce Greenleaf, Regional Inspector General, Office of Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”. Testimony was heard from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

IRAN'S DESTABILIZING ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Iran's Destabilizing Role in the Middle East". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE GROWING CRISIS OF AFRICA'S ORPHANS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled "The Growing Crisis of Africa's Orphans".

Testimony was heard from Robert P. Jackson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

PORT OF ENTRY INFRASTRUCTURE: HOW DOES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITIZE INVESTMENTS?

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled "Port of Entry Infrastructure: How Does the Federal Government Prioritize Investments?". Testimony was heard from John Wagner, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Michael Gelber, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and Oscar Leeser, Mayor, City of El Paso, Texas.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 646, directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any emails in the possession of the Department of Justice that were transmitted to or from the email account(s) of former Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division Director Lois Lerner between January 2009 and April 2011; and H.R. 744, the "STOP Identity Theft Act of 2013". H. Res. 646 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 744 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 277, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 916, the "Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2013"; H.R. 1810, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Re-

sources System Gasparilla Island Unit in Florida; H.R. 2158, the "Expedited Departure of Certain Snake Species Act"; H.R. 3572, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in North Carolina; H.R. 3806, the "Great Smoky Mountains National Park Agreement Act of 2013"; and H.R. 4751, to make technical corrections to Public Law 110-229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 277, H.R. 916, H.R. 2158, H.R. 3572, and H.R. 3806. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1810 and H.R. 4751.

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS: IS SUPPORTING CANDIDATES AND CAMPAIGN FUND-RAISING AN APPROPRIATE USE OF A GOVERNMENT OFFICE?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee began a hearing entitled "White House Office of Political Affairs: Is Supporting Candidates and Campaign Fund-Raising an Appropriate Use of a Government Office?". The Chairman and Ranking Member made statements, and the hearing was recessed before the witnesses gave any testimony. There is no date set for continuation.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on a discussion draft of a House Resolution providing for the authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President inconsistent with his duties under the Constitution of the United States. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATUS OF REFORMS TO EPA'S INTEGRATED RISK INFORMATION SYSTEM

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Environment held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled "Status of Reforms to EPA's Integrated Risk Information System". Testimony was heard from Kenneth Olden, Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

BARRIERS TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP: EXAMINING THE ANTI-TRUST IMPLICATIONS OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Barriers to Entrepreneurship: Examining the Anti-Trust Implications of Occupational Licensing". Testimony was heard from Andrew

Gavil, Director, Office of Policy Planning, Federal Trade Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H. Con. Res. 103, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; H.R. 3044, to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi; H.R. 5078, the “Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act of 2014”; H.R. 4854, the “Regulatory Certainty Act”; H.R. 5077, the “Coal Jobs Protection Act of 2014”. The General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were approved. The following bills and concurrent resolution were ordered reported, without amendment: H. Con. Res. 103, H.R. 3044, H.R. 4854, and H.R. 5078. The following bill was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 5077.

CREATING EFFICIENCY THROUGH COMPARISON: AN EVALUATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR BEST PRACTICES AND THE VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Creating Efficiency through Comparison: An Evaluation of Private Sector Best Practices and the VA Health Care System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADVANCING THE U.S. TRADE AGENDA: THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled “Advancing the U.S. Trade Agenda: The World Trade Organization”. Testimony was heard from Michael Punke, Deputy United States Trade Representative and U.S. Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commandant of the Marine Corps, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine accountability and corporate culture in wake of the General Motors (GM) recalls, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Federal reserve portfolio, focusing on capitalizing on investments in research and development, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the role of trade and technology in 21st century manufacturing, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Central America in crisis and the exodus of unaccompanied minors, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, David Pressman, of New York, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Allan P. Mustard, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, and Erica J. Barks Ruggles, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, all of the Department of State, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the need to improve patient safety and reduce preventable deaths, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Pamela Pepper, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Brenda K. Sannes, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, and Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “Russian Violations of the INF Treaty: After detection—what?”, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The President's Funding Request for Overseas Contingency Operations”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology; and Subcommittee on Health, joint subcommittee hearing entitled “21st Century Technology for 21st Century Cures”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “A Legislative Proposal Entitled the ‘Bank Account Seizure of Terrorist Assets (BASTA) Act’”, 9:45 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “Guilty until Proven Innocent? A Study of the Propriety & Legal Authority for the Justice Department’s Operation Choke Point”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “Examining the Justice Department’s Response to the IRS Targeting Scandal”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Policies to Spur Innovative Medical Breakthroughs from Laboratories to Patients”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 9 a.m., 304–HVC. This is a closed hearing.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, July 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will begin consideration of S. 2244, Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act. At 12 noon, Senate will vote on or in relation to Coburn Amendment No. 3549, Vitter Amendment No. 3550, Flake Amendment No. 3551, Tester Amendment No. 3552, and final passage of S. 2244, Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act.

House Chamber

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